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A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

OF EVENTS IN VARIOUS QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

Comment on English Parliamentary Elections—Chicago S. P. Paper Scabbing on Panama Workers—Friar Lands' Ghost Stalks.

The only matter of interest, so far revealed by the British elections, is that there, as here, the general falling off of the poll is marked. If like phenomena proceed from like causes, it would seem that the British electorate, like the American, is withdrawing into its own shell, and, like Paddy's owl has begun to do some "hell of a lot of tall thinking."

Evidently considering the uprising in Mexico under Madero to have failed, the Los Angeles "Regeneracion" (Re-generation) has this to say:

"The rout of Madero will engender the Liberal Party. Those who imagined that Maderism, pure and simple, would triumph because it was a party of rich people will now retrace their steps, and they will arrive at the conclusion that a revolution is not made with millions of dollars but with millions of men strong in their convictions."

The despatches about Ulster's arming to prevent the establishment of an Irish home rule Parliament in Dublin should be read hand in hand with those passages in Macaulay's History of England that concern Irish affairs during the latter part of the reign of James II and the early part of the reign of William and Mary. Among nations, conquest breeds violence; violence conquest; and so on in a never ending chain of vicious cause and effect.

The strike of the boilermakers on the Panama Canal, interesting features of which will be found elsewhere in this issue has proved provocative also of interesting features on the physiognomy of the privately owned Socialist party press. The Chicago "Daily Socialist" for November 30 has a front page news item on the strike, headed "Uncle Sam is Hunting Scabs—Effort Made to Crush the Boilermakers on the Panama Canal," and on its third page it publishes the following advertisement:

Boilermakers Wanted.

"Wanted—Boilermakers for Panama Canal; U. S. government work; 65 cents an hour; free steamship transportation and free quarters; railroad fare advanced; experienced men only. Call 13th floor Federal Building."

Put money in thy purse, Roderigo, it stinketh not.

Another interesting fact thrown up by the present British elections is the candidature at Plymouth of Waldorf Astor, son of the American multimillionaire William Waldorf Astor. Of what party was Waldorf Astor a candidate? Surely not of the Socialist, or of the Labor party, but certainly of the Liberal and anti-Lord party? Not at all. He was a candidate of the extreme pro-Lord party, and was elected. Thus American dollars, swayed by American labor, go across to Europe to oil the wheels of a campaign that flies in the teeth of the political principles of the American Revolution. Is this a case of Astor retrogression? Not at all. It is a case that illustrates the tenacity of bad instincts. In the days of the American Revolution, the Astors, clustered around Trinity Church, prayed, not for George Washington, but for George III.

A Filipino Committee "on its way to Washington to refute the charges about the friar lands fraud" reminds one of a number of proverbs "murder will out" among the lot. Besides, the coming of such a Committee goes far to speak our forebears free from "superstition" when they believed that ghosts of the murdered insist upon haunting their murderers, and never let up until they have brought them to grieve. The Fraud of the friar lands, thought to be buried out of sight, has re-surfaced. What an active ghost is the ghost of that Fraud may be judged from the promptness of the Committee to tackle and try to lay it.

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The Cunard Line officials profess themselves in a sweat over getting the Mauretania coaled in time to make a return trip to England before Christmas, as there will be a record-breaking group of Americans going over to spend the holidays with relatives, titled and otherwise." As Uncle Sam says "What's the advantage of having no dukes and counts in our Constitution, if practically they live on our backs?"

Timely for us in America is the Manifesto issued by the British Social Democratic party on the present British election in the passage which declares:

"The fraudulent Free Trade, under which the nation has suffered for two generations, and which those who admire it have erected into a fetish, has produced the precise results which our Chartist predecessors foresaw and predicted. The rich have grown richer and the poor poorer; until now in no country in the world is there to be found such a hopeless mass of misery and squalor in proportion to the population as exists here in Great Britain. Physical degeneration, moral depravity, intellectual degradation are common in our midst, and no determined attempt whatever is made to uplift millions of our people from the deplorable plight into which they have been thrust by the wealthy classes."

A Fresno, Calif., despatch states that on the 9th of this month a mob "burned down the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World in that city, severely beat members of the organization, and surrounded the County Jail demanding the surrender of other members of the Industrial Workers of the World under arrest." The "Industrial Workers of the World" referred to can not be the real I. W. W. It must be the bogus Trautmann-St. John body better known as "I'm-A-Bum" from their favorite song, and from their open advocacy of slugging, theft and other bummish practises. From the facts in the case the conclusion is justified that I'm-A-Bum rowdyism on a small scale has evoked bum-rowdyism in retort upon a larger scale.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, R. W. de Forest, R. S. Lovett, John Jacob Astor, J. Ogden Armour, Robert W. Goetzel are not these select names to be found on select lists of select pillars of modern society? Unquestionably they are. Well, these select names appear jointly as defendants in a suit by a stockholder of the Illinois Central Railroad charging this bunch of elites with neglect of duty and thereby causing frauds amounting to \$6,500,000 in the car repair bills.

The pietistic words—"man does not live of bread only"—which have latterly figured extensively in the speeches of Republicans and Democrats addressed to hungry workers, are about to be amended. James H. Hoyt, a Cleveland lawyer speaking at the dinner of the St. Nicholas Society at Delmonico's on the 13th of this month said: "Why, in the name of heaven, should we hate the rich? The rich buy pictures to put them where the poor can see them." The original economics of phrase-using capitalism was to the effect that the workers could live on air; the present amendment is to the effect that they can live on pictures—quite as undigestible a diet as air, hot, tepid, or cold.

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Leaving aside that portion of the Message in which the President speaks, not as President of a nation 90,000,000 and odd strong and covering an acreage almost as large as all Europe, but as Mayor of Washington, D. C., and despite the name that the President will be best known by in history is "Taffy," the message sent to Congress this year is peppery, terse in its pepperiness, to the point.

The substance of the Message is as follows:—

"You Insurgents have howled about my friend Aldrich's banking schemes—well, you may howl louder still—

"You Insurgents have stuck pins into me on the subject of the land claims—well, get up more pins, and stick 'em in. It affords you fun and does not disconcert me—

"You Insurgents have been yelling for anti-corporation laws—well, nary a law of that sort shall ye get—

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"You Insurgents have thrown fits against the naval and military appropriations—well, throw all the fits you please—

"You Insurgents thought you would catch me napping on the matter of fortifying the Canal—ha! ha! ha! Out with \$19,000,000 for that very purpose—

"You Insurgents have been endeavoring to scare me with the large middle class—well, I don't scare worth a cent—

"There!—

"Now, having paid my respects to the rioters within my own party organizations, and my own class, a word with you, you mass-rioting workingmen—

"You have stuck your tongues out to me, demanding an 8-hour day—well, I consider such a law an 'intolerable burden' and such a law's application extremely oppressive—if ye have any

tongues left to stick out, stick 'em—

"Ye have shaken your horny fists at me for a 'workmen's compensation' law—well, I'll demand from Congress a \$10,000 appropriation to pay the junketing expenses of the pets of the employers to 'investigate the matter'—if ye have fists left to shake, shake 'em—

"Ye have been thundering against the Courts—well, thunder away. I love a roaring noise!"

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The Governor alleged that the strike leaders who were recently tried and convicted and are now in jail pending sentence for their intimidation of workmen were "duly tried and convicted."

His entire findings uphold the Citizens Committee, which has been organized here to "protect the manufacturers and such workmen as are willing to work."

The authorities are declared to have acted in the "interest of law and order."

Gompers and his adherents in their attack upon the city and State authorities are thoroughly discredited in the matter of the Resistencia union.

WILL NEVER HAVE TOBIN

SHOE WORKERS STAUNCH IN BIG BROOKLYN SHOE STRIKE.

Answer Bosses' Threat of "Lock-Out" by Closing Five Shops Completely—More Accessions to Ranks Expected—Fun with an Employment Agent.

Things in the great revolt of shoe workers in Brooklyn against the combined power of the employers and the A. F. of L. "union" are forging along at a rapid pace.

A move on the part of some of the bosses to frighten the men back to work by threats of a lockout has failed of its purpose.

The shops attempting this game were Albert and Baker's, G. F. Cousin's, Wilcox's, Garside's and Lane's. On December 8 they posted notices threatening to "close down indefinitely" unless all hands were back at work by Saturday noon.

No sooner had the placards been tacked up than every person in every craft still hanging on at the shops picked up his tools and left.

Saturday noon found the bosses with nobody even to lock their doors on. They were a ruel looking crew.

This addition brings about 1,000 workers to the strikers' ranks. In all, close in the neighborhood of 5,000 are now out for living wages, despite a Tobinized "contract" that binds them to starve.

At a mass meeting of the shoe cutters held at Labor Lyceum on Willoughby Avenue, the situation was explained to them, and the sentiment was strong for joining the walkout. Such a step was expected soon.

The output of the Wickert and Gardiner factory, where the struggle began in bold face. Six States are yet to be heard from—California, Colorado, New Hampshire, New York, Texas and Washington. The Party had its ticket this year in 20 States—more than in 1908. When further returns run in they will be entered on the list.

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THE S. L. P. VOTE

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Illinois 2,943 1,880
Indiana 2,974 643
Kentucky (Congress) 212 404
Massachusetts 2,613 1,011
Michigan 1,205 1,006
Minnesota 6,510 ...
Missouri 2,229 868
New Jersey 2,032 1,096
Ohio 2,920 731
Pennsylvania 802 1,222
Rhode Island 623 183
Virginia (Congress) . 86 75
Wisconsin 430 314
Total 26,521 9,921

IM-A-BUMMERISM.

A Spokane Specimen of the Breed.

Spokane, Wash., December 8.—W. H. Smith, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Gertie Johnson, and Louis Gatewood, charged with a statutory offense, appeared before Justice G. W. Stocker in police court Saturday afternoon and through their attorney, E. E. Brennan, waived preliminary examination and were bound over to the superior court.

The three were arrested November 21 by Detectives Bradley and McCloud at the same time that Norine MacFarland, a 15-year-old girl, was turned over to the probation officer. All four were found living in houseboats near the Washington street bridge.

It is alleged that the girl came to the home of the Johnson woman, after having run away from home, and that the woman had suggested that the girl live an immoral life and earn her living in that manner. It is further alleged that she apprised Gatewood, who was prominent I. W. W. leader at the time of the free-speech movement a year ago, of the presence of the girl, and that the girl afterward had stayed with him in his houseboat. Smith, who is the stepfather of the Johnson woman, was arrested on the supposition that he knew what was going on and was a party to it.

Having seen the communication in the New York "Call" of December 1 signed by George Behrend, business agent of Local No. 160, Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, we on behalf of the strikers hasten to reply to the same, and we reply willingly.

The gentleman may introduce any and all foreign issues, but we are not going to allow, if space is given to our side of the case, him or any one else of the crew that he keeps company with to malign and misrepresent our cause and those of our fellow workers who enjoy our confidence as true members of our class.

We do not deny that the names that he mentions as being on the contract are genuine. We do assert, however, that their signatures were secured by virtual duress. They were told to sign 'without having first had an oppor-

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tunity to secure the consent of their shopmates; further, under the prevailing shop conditions at the time nothing else could be done but sign the contract with even the low price list that it specifies.

We may call the attention of this gentleman as well as other honorable men, for we know they are all honorable men, to the following facts: First at the time the contract was signed the busy season was about over. Had we refused to sign, chances are that the contract would have been signed over our heads and in spite of our protests, but if not it would have meant a strike at a time that it would have virtually been a favor to the firm. Second, at that time we did not produce shoes that brought the same price to the firm as now; in other words, we did not produce as much profit to the firm as now. Third, the price of food stuffs necessary for us to have in order to work was not as great as now. Fourth, till now we did not have an organization, we lacked the organized power to fight the organized machine and combination that exists between the Tobinites and the manufacturers; we were dissatisfied, but for lack of power to right the wrongs perpetrated upon us daily and hourly we considered that "discretion was the better part of valor."

As to the query of the worthy delegate, "Could you call them union men? Could they do business with any one?" we wish to reply that we are proud of our unionism and we will pit our union principles and behavior against his action in lining up with the firm, in scouring around Mulberry street employment offices hiring scabs to take our places.

The worthy apologist for contracts can ask the question as to our unionism, but our unionism teaches us to strive at all times for higher pay and better shop conditions, and for that

Ancient Society

By Lewis H. Morgan

This is a great work, furnishing the ethnologic basis to the sociologic superstructure raised by Marx and Engels.

While the work needs close study most of it is easy reading. The student will read, and re-read, and find, each time, fresh facts not noticed before, and the opening of wider vistas not discovered at previous readings.

Those readers who have less time at their disposal may not be able to profit by the work to its full extent, but even one reading will store their minds with valuable knowledge and broaden their horizon so as to enable them to grasp the meaning of events now going on better than they could otherwise do.

The previous editions of the work were expensive, four dollars a volume being almost prohibitive, but the work is now within the reach of all.

The Labor News is prepared to furnish the work at the PRICE OF \$1.50.

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reason we paid our \$12.25 a year. Finding out that the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union did not correspond with that ideal, we joined the Industrial Workers of the World.

As to whether we can "do business with any one" or not, due to our behavior, we wish to reply that it is not delegates that get their salaries to represent union men and then use their influence and our money to herd scabs together to beat us that we wish to do business with. We do not wish to receive any lessons upon the rules of conduct of union men from any such sources.

It is said by the gent, "Why, even Satan ain't got any use for these men, as they ain't faithful to themselves." We don't know how he has ascertained Satan's opinion of us, but we are glad that not even he has any use for men who struggle for more pay. He must be a partner of John Tobin, Farley and the rest of the crew. We have not asked the opinion of Satan, but from what Mr. Behrend says he must be in accord with him and his scabby tactics.

In the last few years, men and women all over the world have broken national constitutions and have chased Kings, Caesars, Emperors and Shahs; they have thrown down all obstacles that stood between them and progress, they have upon the ruins of the old edifices erected monuments to Labor and Liberty, and may we not do a little thing as innocent as breaking an agreement signed under duress?

The worthy who smokes (in company with our bosses) cigars that we paid for, says that Mr. Ettor is not a shoemaker, but we fail to see what that has to do with sending "pick-and-shovel artists" to make shoes and thus try to create a division in our ranks. "He (Ettor) has one large dream," that of organizing the shoe workers into ONE BIG UNION! Well, what of it? You, Mr. Behrend, admit that we need a Union, but what kind of a union shall it be? We want a big Union imbued with noble ideals, dreaming noble dreams, the dream of united labor standing erect asserting its importance in the world of men, and not the horrible nightmare of craft divided and contract tied labor creeping and crawling about before bosses and labor fakers whose ideals are those of the average Bowery tough and their hearts as black as the priestly garb.

No one need to worry about any advice that he alleges we receive from Mr. Ettor. We are men, we know what we want. We are no longer mere dupes and followers. We are fighting for more bread, and in the conduct of the battle we are willing to accept whatever advice Mr. Ettor can impart to us, advice that is given to us as a comrade, not as a boss. We accept what we think best, and reject what seems of no value.

No one need to worry about our Christmas and our families, they will fare about as well and as happy as heretofore. We have never had a decent Christmas for so many years that we will not shed any tears this coming one. If some people are so solicitous about our Christmas it is strange that they are offering us the scabby present that they are, that of trying to break our strike for higher pay.

Mr. Behrend, you make so much ado and noise about contract breaking, let us ask you serenely, was not your salary and that of the secretary who says "surely if they could work for six years at the prevailing price list, they could wait till next April" raised within the last few years? Why did not both of you wait until our contract expired, or is it that you don't believe in signing contracts where it affects your salary?

We are satisfied with our position, we feel we have done the right thing for our interest, and we care very little whether Satan, Behrend and Tobin like it or not, we care not for their Satanic approval or displeasure. We are fully aware that our conduct will not receive the approval of the "great Tribunal of American Labor" presided over by Chief Justice Sam Gompers and attended by the Civic Federation crew, but we will receive the enthusiastic approval of all those men and women of our class who fought in the past and will continue in the future to march against all institutions that are pillars of our miseries and slavery. They will give us their approval, they will pass the word along, they will tell the hundreds of thousands of our fellow workers who are chafing under the same twin yoke of slavery that you seek to force upon us, of your crimes, outrages against the cause of labor, crimes perpetrated upon victims whose cries reach the very heavens.

Come again, old chap, we are ready to meet your sophistry. Wickert & Gardner Striking Employees, Charles Linfante, Chairman, P. L. Iglio, Secretary.

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WAGES AND PROFITS

THE WORKINGMAN PRODUCES BOTH, BUT GETS ONLY THE LITTLE END.

The social system under which we are living is properly called the capitalist system.

It is so called because the capitalist class, by reason of its ownership of the means of production and distribution, is the overwhelmingly dominant power in society—the nation, as an organization.

Let us explain further:

No doubt in your town, as in every other city, there are great factories where wealth is created. It may be the making of feather trimmings for bonnets, or it may be great steel plates for ocean liners; it may be toothpicks that are produced, or it may be palace cars. Railroads and steamboats distribute this wealth. Coal mines, iron mines, forests and fields, all these in some manner enter into the production of the article, or as it is properly called—the commodity. These factories, mines, railroads, steamboats, etc., the means for the production of wealth, are called CAPITAL.

Looking a little further we find that the capital of the nation is owned by a very few, a mere handful of the population, and when you consider that this small fraction of the people own absolutely, as their own private property, ALL the means whereby the rest of us must obtain food, clothing, and shelter, you can realize the power they have over us. Because it owns the capital of the nation, this handful of the people is called the CAPITALIST CLASS.

Now, all this capital would be absolutely useless to the capitalist class, if it depended on that class to create wealth. But the fact that the rest of us must eat and be clothed and sheltered—or die, compels us to go to the capitalist, and create for him great volumes of wealth, and out of that wealth we have created he gives us a pittance in return called WAGES. The rest of the wealth he keeps, and it is called PROFITS, but the proper term should be Wealth Stolen from Labor. Those of us, the great bulk of the nation, who own nothing but our ability to work, or, as the Socialist calls it, labor power, are called the WORKING CLASSE.

There is another class, the MIDDLE CLASS. It, however, is rapidly being exterminated. It is represented by the small shopkeeper and business man. Capitalism in the shape of the department stores is driving the little retailer to the wall, and the little factory stands no chance in competition with the gigantic enterprise. As the middle class are driven out of business they fall into the ranks of the wage workers.

The capitalist class attempts to justify its existence, by claiming that it returns to society full value for all it receives. It claims to possess all the brains of the country, calls its members "Captains of Industry," and tells the working class that without the "direction" of the capitalist the working class wouldn't be able to provide for its own wants.

He will indeed have been a poor observer who does not know that the capitalist class is an idle class, a sponging and parasitic class, a class that on the social body is as useful as vermin on a human body. In the summer's fierce heat, while the worker is stifling in the factory and his family in the tenements, the capitalist and his brood are cruising on elegant yachts or jaunting in Europe. Or they go to the seashore or mountains, where their every whim and want is anticipated by eager lackeys. In the winter they go South or pass the time in riotous Seely dinners and the like. All this the capitalist does on the wealth stolen from labor.

"Captains of Industry," indeed! And yet pulpits pounders, college professors and editors tell us that the capitalist is entitled to his stealings, or profits. "Wages of Superintendence," "Reward of Risk," are some of the pet phrases these gentry use in fostering the superstition. What risk is there in investing in coal mines, street railroads, steel trusts, etc., etc.? Capitalists do not invest in South Sea bubbles. The per cent must be very largely in sight before the capitalist invests.

As for profits being the Wages of Superintendence," as we have just shown, the capitalist is an idle class. Take any big capitalist that you have heard of, J. P. Morgan, for instance. He was in Europe the greater part of the summer, did anything here in which he has an interest close down because "Superintendent" Morgan was away? Did the Steel Trust furnaces smolder when Charley Schwab was doing a little "superintending" at the

PANAMA WORKERS STRIKE

Refuse to Wait for Taft's Junketing Convenience.

(Special to the Daily People.) Empire, C. Z., Panama, November 27.—A line to inform you that the union and non-union boilermakers to the number of 165 out of a total of about 175 employed by the Isthmian Canal Commission on Panama Canal struck work here on November 21st. The cause was: Refusal of President Taft on November 16th to give their committee an immediate answer to their request, handed to the President personally, that they (the boilermakers) be granted an increase of wages from 65 cents to 75 cents per hour. Taft's answer was that his "time on the Isthmus was limited, and as he had a banquet to attend and other social functions that would occupy his time while here, he would consider their request on his journey back to the States and give them a reply in about ten days."

But maybe these apologists for the capitalist system call Wall Street "operations," where one thief is trying to get the better of another thief, perhaps that is what they mean by "superintendence." But, then, how about the Gould, Vanderbilt, and other women of the capitalist class who are married to European princes and nobles? They live in Europe, and, so far as can be learned, their chief occupation is getting their titled husbands out of gambling and other scrapes. But they, too, draw "wages of superintendence."

What would we do without capital? Everything! Capital is the creation of the worker, and without it, under the present system, he cannot produce new wealth. Now, candidly, do you think that if that wealth was the property of the workers collectively, they couldn't produce wealth to better advantage to society than they do now, when over three-fourths of what they produce is stolen from them?

Under the capitalist system of production the condition of the working class grows worse and worse. Wages go down steadily, or if they don't you have to produce much more in order to "keep up" your wage. As machinery is developed and women and children come into competition with men in offering their labor power to the capitalist, conditions must continue to grow worse. There is only one way to change all this, and that is remove the capitalist. End his ownership of the things we must apply our labor to in order to live. Let the people collectively own that which is necessary to meet their collective needs. Then the production would be for the use of the producer.

They tell us that under such a social system no one would work, and everything would go to the demimonde bow-wows. Let us ask for instance: Do you think you would be less inclined to work, when you knew that you would have all that you produce, than you are at present when three-fourths of what you produce is stolen from you? Another thing. You have probably passed through a period of what is called "hard times" or a crisis. The generally tough time of the worker is usually much worse at such periods. Do you know what causes them? They are caused by the fact that you, the worker, pile up more wealth for the capitalist than he can dispose of. Then he says: "I will close up my factory until this pile goes down. You can starve meanwhile, if you don't find another capitalist whom you are glad to have exploit you." Now, if the people, as a whole, owned the machinery of the nation and produced wealth for their own use, not for the capitalist's profit, can you imagine state of affairs in which they would be foolish enough to say: "We have produced too much food, therefore, we must stop production and starve. We have produced too much clothing, we will have to go naked for a while?" Well, that is what is done to-day. When the workers have produced more than the capitalist can get rid of he says "Stop!" and the "over-production" is big and so are the tools that produced it. Civilization is threatened by the longer continuation of the capitalist system, with all its evils.

If you would intelligently aid in bringing about a change in conditions read up on Socialism, then go to work to bring it about.

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We are getting subs for "A Munkas" at the rate of a hundred a week. And what is more, we shall be able to improve this record.

The Federation will this week make an application for membership as a State organization to the S. L. P.

Bogard and Rothfiser got all the jobs and offices they wanted, the S. L. P. gets all the Hungarian Socialists.

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Woman Under Socialism -

By August Bebel

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The Woman Question is not a question by itself; it is a part of the great social problem. Proceeding along this line, Bebel's work is an exhaustive analysis of the economic position of woman in the past and present. Despite the boasts of Capitalist Christianity the facts show that under Capitalism woman, especially of the working class, is degraded and dwarfed physically and mentally, while the word home is but a mockery. From such condition of parenthood the child is stunted before its birth, and the massmas, bred from woman's economic slavery, rise so high that even the gilded houses of the capitalist class are polluted. Under Socialism, woman, having economic freedom equal with man, will develop mentally and physically, and the mentally and physically stunted and dwarfed children of the capitalist system will give way to a new race. The blow that breaks the chains of economic slavery from the workingman will free woman also.

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Frederick G. Taylor, a Philadelphia man, is one of those just now winning approbation from plutocracy for his zest and activity in their behalf. A writer in the N. Y. Tribune says that "weeding out waste" is Mr. Taylor's business. The weeding out consists in reality in devising ways and means to keep the workingmen eternally "at it" while in the shop. Here are the words extracted from Mr. Taylor by the writer mentioned:

"The initial step," said Mr. Taylor, "is to see that all the machinery and the men operating it are kept at work all the time. We go into a mill that is run in the ordinary sloshed way and what do we find? Men expected to look to themselves to keep their machines in order. Something goes wrong. The workman has to stop his machine, go in search of some one in authority, possibly a harassed foreman, tell his story and spend time of his own and the time of another man in getting his machine going again.

"We systematize so that the machines are never idle from such a cause and no man is roaming around the works looking for help to fix his machine. All the machinery is standardized and plans made for the instant replacing of worn out pieces or for the restoration of damaged parts by a man whose business it is to do just that and nothing else. This man is responsible for the condition of the machinery. He watches it so that instead of waiting for a breakdown to occur before starting to repair a machine the likelihood of such a breakdown is anticipated and the machine consequently does not break down.

"But we knew that the Hungarian Socialists would stay with the S. L. P. no matter what this convention did. We were not mistaken. Without losing time we formed the "Hungarian Socialist Labor Federation," published a new S. L. P. paper, "A Munkas," and now have fourteen Sections in our Federation, among them the strongest Sections of the old Federation. The Sections of New York, Bridgeport, South Norwalk, Canton, Akron, South Lorain, Cleveland (two Sections), Detroit, Cincinnati (two Sections), Chicago, Racine, San Francisco, all withdrew from the Rothfiser-Bogard element and joined our Federation. Since the convention a Section has been formed at Hartford, and it is only a question of a very short time when all other Sections of any importance will be in our Federation.

"Another man is in charge of the work of keeping the men speeded up. He sees that every man is working at the proper rapidity and if there is any reason why he is not, then it is this man's business to set it right. A third man looks to the quality of the work. He examines this from the start so that there is no possibility of perpetuating an error in the work or continuing with work that is not up to sample. It is his business to look to this and he has nothing else to do. In the old way the foreman had all these things to do and he could not do them properly.

"That same foreman was the one to hunt up when it was necessary to change to some other piece of work. Materials had to be sorted out, tools prepared and possibly ground for that particular work and the machine stood silent and idle during all this time. The old foreman was a general utility man at the call of every workman in the place and nothing he did could be done as it



"The scientific system brought into the factories and mills a class of unskilled labor that could be used to do the work that the skilled men had been forced to waste time over. The grinding of haws and drilling can be taught in a few hours, and men who are shown how to do this can get from \$12 to \$14 a week for the work. This leaves the skilled workman to his own work, instead of taking him away to do what any one can be taught

Crises in European History

By GUSTAV BANG

- I. The Rise of Christianity.
- II. The Reformation.
- III. The French Revolution.

Translated from the Danish by ARNOLD PETERSEN

(Continued from last week.)

II. The Reformation.

(Continued.)

Germany was then that country north of the Alps where the effects of the new capitalist commercialism were felt the strongest, and where, as a consequence, their eyes had been opened to the dependency on the Roman church. It was felt as a source of humiliation and exploitation, not only for the various classes of Germany, but for the German people as a whole. Year after year an increasing amount of wealth poured into the coffers of the clergy, and from Germany to Rome. Germany became the milch cow whence the nourishment was procured for the greater glory of Rome. This state of affairs was looked upon as a national exploitation. Papal, and with that the whole church were regarded as a national calamity. It was felt as a national disgrace. With the development of capitalism, this sentiment became stronger and more bitter and spread farther and farther, and at the time of the appearance of Luther, nothing but the word was required to crystallize the sentiment into action.

It is significant to note that it was a question of the sale of letters of indulgence which first impelled Luther to come forward, and it thereby formed the starting point of the tremendous reformatory movement. Few or no theological problems had the power of swaying upon the population at large to that extent, and to arrest its attention. The questions of the freedom of the will, of the blessing and influence of chastity and of good deeds, of the transformation of the bread and wine into the flesh and blood of Christ were all questions for the study-closet and might well cause agitation among the learned ones, but they met with no response from the people. Not so with the sale of the letters of indulgence. Here it was a question of money; money which year after year was taken out of the country to Rome, withdrawn from German industry and only serving to enrich the Roman popes and their favorites, while the population became impoverished. Here they were confronted with a national economic calamity; it was reasoning which everyone could grasp, regardless of the religious principles which otherwise were attached to the sale of indulgences.

When Luther, on the 31st of October, 1517, nailed his 95 theses on the church door at Wittenburg, he still felt like a faithful believer, like a Catholic. He was one of the many monks and priests of those days who, through influences of various kinds, had become more pliant than the official church; but this view was easily harmonized with Catholic principles, and hundreds of theologians shared such views. He did not realize

A new scientific method of research began to force its way through. The well-to-do, self-conscious bourgeoisie could not, as formerly, satisfy themselves with the authority of the Bible on the fields of science. It demanded a real investigation of things, based upon observation, reason and cognition. In all countries where the development of capitalism proceeded quickest, a research of the natural sciences, of the geographical, historical and social sciences grew out which overthrew the medieval learning and departed from its methods, laying the foundation of the scientific cognition of later times.

And so all over. The moral conceptions, the artistic views, political ideals—all these several manifestations of the human consciousness were changed under the influence of the commercial activity of capitalism and the changes in social life which it effected. It was the modern age superseding the Middle Ages.

northern Europe, was fatedly influenced by this change; it did not become the democratic, popular church of which Luther had been the advocate, but a bureaucratic state-church, with the prince as superior, as a new pope, and with many dogmatists, as rigid and foreign to real life as those of the Catholic church had been, with a duty to educate the subjects to a blind, unconditional obedience to their secular masters, a military discipline which finds its classical expression in a sentence like this: "Your common sense tells you that 2 and 5 are 7; but when the authorities declare that 2 and 5 are 8, you must believe it in spite of your better knowledge and understanding."

The Lutheran Reformation was the greatest of the intellectual movements, born of the mighty upheaval of that time. But it was far from being the only one. It was seething everywhere and the mode of thinking was changing.

The seeds of a new intellectual culture among the great bourgeois and peasant population began to germinate. The reformers had been compelled to write in the native tongue instead of the Latin language, which the laity did not understand, and the national languages acquired a rich stock which was polished and formed into literary languages. And the art of printing made it possible to extend literary knowledge to ever larger spheres. The desire to read, the literary interests increased. National literatures grew up.

The national consciousness became developed. Commercialism, which had removed the bars separating the single villages and provinces, and had brought the nations into reciprocity, created in the popular mind new ideas of national mutuality. While formerly the people of Zealand, Funen and Jutland had felt removed from each other, now the conception of a common nation to which they all belonged took root, the idea of a national whole as contrasted to other nations with their foreign languages and strange customs.

But when the peasants in the year 1825 really did rise against their tormentors—the great Peasants' War which in a few weeks spread to all parts of Germany—Luther timorously shrank back. There was too much of the petty bourgeoisie in him, he was too much imbued with philistine notions, had too much of an inherent, instinctive respect for the noble lords to dare to draw the inevitable conclusions from his premises. Just as far as formerly he had been forced in a social revolutionary direction, he was now forced in a social reactionary direction. Against the peasant's breach of obedience against their secular masters he now turned his wild fanaticism with a desperate blood-thirst, an absolute delirious cruelty. With his furious hatred towards the subject-class in its attempt to better its condition, he stands as one of the most repulsive figures in modern history. In his brochure "against the rapacious and murderous peasants," he addresses the princes and the nobility and exhorts them to a merciless butchery of the peasants. "Inasmuch as they are evil-minded and brazenly refuse to obey, and furthermore resist their masters, they have forfeited life and soul as do all faithless, perfidious, disobedient knaves and villains. Therefore it becomes the duty of all here to strangle and stab, secretly or publicly, all such, and remember that there is nothing so polluting, injurious and fiendish as a rebellious person; just as you would kill a mad dog, if you do not strike him, he will strike you and with you, the whole country."

The Peasants' War denotes the reactionary turning point in Luther's activity. From now on his sympathy for the subject class was extinguished, and the vigorous revolutionary spirit, frequently found in his earlier writings, was dead. He was now the sworn man of the secular ruling class to such an extent that he not only warns against relieving the peasants of socalage and other burdens, but actually suggests the reintroduction of chattel slavery. The Lutheran Church, which rose in Germany, and from thence spread to the greater part of

* The three chief provinces in Denmark, separated by water. (Translator.)

(Continued next week.)

FERRER INQUIRY IN SPANISH
CORTES.

Madrid, December 8.—The discussion demanded by the Republicans of the trial and sentence of Ferrer, founder of the Modern School of Barcelona, who was executed at the fortress of Montjuich last year, will take place in the Chamber of Deputies next week.

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WHAT IS CAPITAL?

WOULD-BE SOCIALIST DEFINITION EXPOSED—MARX'S EXPLANATION REPRODUCED.

In the early part of this year "The Outlook" (New York), the magazine on which Roosevelt is an associate editor, published a review of Reginald Wright Kaufman's book, "What Is Socialism," and said in effect that Kaufman's book was the best presentation of the subject yet come to their hand. Such praise, coming from such a quarter, was in itself cause for suspicion and enough to cause one to take it with a grain of salt; it recalled to mind the old axiom: what the enemy lauds is sure to be bad, and that truth is just the opposite. A perusal of Kaufman's book proves that it is not the best book of Socialism, at any rate, not from a Socialist standpoint.

It is not purposed to go into a review of it at this point; it is only intended to show how inaccurately its author defines "capital," and then to give Karl Marx's explanation. Nevertheless, it will not be amiss to cite several passages from Kaufman's work to show how misleading it is in parts.

On page 72 the author, in speaking of the materialist conception of history

he thinks this term inaccurate and prefers "economic interpretation of history"; says: "The Socialist seldom fails to quote from one of his own

text-books in showing that the French

Revolution was simply the triumph of

those who possessed nothing over

those who possessed everything." Here

Kaufman is wrong. The fact is that

the Socialist who knows his subject

never puts the matter that way. He

says that the French Revolution was

the triumph of the bourgeoisie over

the feudal nobility, the triumph of a

class which had property over a class

which had land and privilege.

On page 165, one will find this passage: "In Australia the Labor Party, which is essentially socialistic, holds the balance of power, and New Zealand, which is the happiest and most prosperous nation in the world, has

had for seventeen years a government of very strong Socialist tendencies,

and has gone further than any other

nation toward adopting a full Socialist

propaganda." This is said in spite of

the fact that the Socialist parties in

Australia are denouncing and waging

war against that so-called Labor

party.

These social relations between the producers, and the conditions under

which they exchange their activities

and share in the total act of produc-

tion, will naturally vary according to

the character of the means of produc-

tion. With the discovery of a new

instrument of warfare, the firearm,

the whole internal organization of the

army was necessarily altered, the rela-

tions within which individuals com-

pose an army and can work as an

army were transformed, and the rela-

tion of different armies to one an-

other was likewise changed.

We thus see that the social relations within which individuals produce, the social relations of production, are altered, transformed, with the change and development of the material means of production, of the forces of production.

The relations of produc-

tion in their totality constitute what is

called the social relations, society, and,

moreover, a society at a definite stage

of historic development, a society with peculiarity, distinctive character. Ancient society, feudal society, bourgeois (or capitalist) society, are such totalities of relations of production, each of which denotes a particular stage of development in the history of mankind.

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To be naked is to be so much nearer to
being a man than to go in livery.

—LAMB.

"EXPRESSIO UNIUS," ETC.

Born of vast and profound experience
is the maxim that has come down to our
times in the Latin tongue:—"Expressio
unius, suppressio alterius" (to express
one thing is to suppress the other thing).

The tune to which resolutions by the Socialist
party is the tune for the liberation of
Fred D. Warren of the "Appeal to
Reason."

None more emphatically than the Socialist
Labor Party man will pronounce
Warren's conviction a piece of injustice;
consequently, none more emphatically
would demand his liberation. For that
very reason none more emphatically
than the S. L. P. spurns a move that,
by "expressing" Warren only, "sup-
presses" Preston.

The fact of suffering injustice levels
the sufferers, in the sense that all are
entitled to redress; that all touch a
chord to which good sense and
conscience must respond. Injustice smote
Preston; so it did Warren. It matters
not that the act for which Warren suffers
was an act in pursuit of abstract
order, while the act for which Preston
suffers was an act in pursuit of concrete
rights; it matters not that the injustice
that smote Warren overtook him in the
endeavor to bring retribution down upon
the head of a capitalist politician for
a crime committed upon another ditto,
while the injustice that smote Preston
overtook him in the endeavor to assert
the rights of the Working Class; it matters
not that the injustice Warren suffers
was incurred for meddling in a feud
between bourgeois, while the injustice
Preston suffers was incurred for stand-
ing on the firing line in the class strug-
gle between the Exploiter and the Ex-
ploited. All this matters not—in so
far as the fact of injustice is concerned.
While distinction may be made, while
distinction should be made, as to the rel-
ative value to the Socialist Movement
of the act that Warren and the act that
Preston suffers for, unquestionably giving
the palm of merit to Preston, one
and the other is a victim of capitalist
misrule.

To "express" Warren only and "sup-
press" Preston is to do injustice while
clamoring for justice. It is to do worse.
It is to throw upon the injustice, under
which Preston pines, the mantle of ap-
proval that silence implies—an approval
in this instance, that lays the axe to the
very root of the Socialist or Labor
Movement.

THE MEXICAN LIBERAL PARTY.

The advocates of the Mexican Liberal
Party—"Partido Liberal Mexicano"—
express decided mistrust of, if not an
antipathy for, the party that Madero
has called to arms and is still keeping in the
field. They say Madero is a rich man's
movement. This sentiment, combined
with the Liberals' admission that
Madero aims, not merely at the over-
throw of the individual Diaz, but also at
the establishment of the principle of One
Term, a principle dear to the Liberals
themselves, justifies a closer inspection
of the Liberal program.

This may be divided into two main
categories—one, political or of form; the
other, economic, or of substance.

The demands of the former category
are such as one is familiar with in all
movements that make head against
autocracy. They limit power, and strip
it of its clerical and kindred wardrobe.
Historically they are known as "radical
bourgeois demands."

The demands of the latter category
are less easy to classify.

The prohibition of what is known in
the United States as the "pluck-me" the Little County Store to the Large

store" iniquity, common in mining re-
gions especially; the prohibition of child
labor under fourteen years, and not
the absolute prohibition of the child
labor crime; the establishment of a
maximum rate of wages, thereby recog-
nizing the sanctity of private ownership
in the necessities for production;—these
and similar clauses savor of the demands of
Labor Parties in their infancy, at the
stage of nonage, when the working class
is yet in the dark upon the mysteries of
capitalism; still imagines the Beast's
claws can be clipped; still indulges in
visions of possible prosperity and freedom;
and has not yet "seen the eat,"
which to see is equivalent to realizing
that it is easier far to end than mend the
feline. In short these demands de-
note an awakening but still groping prolet-
arian class instinct.

On the other hand, such economic de-
mands, or demands of substance, as
the suppression of all taxes upon a
capital of less than \$100,000, and the
expropriation by the Government of all
lands not in use—these and such other
demands typify small-bourgeois aspira-
tions, the aspirations of a class that
resists domination from superior eco-
nomic powers, and at the same time
seeks to profit by its own superior to
dominate the proletariat's inferior eco-
nomic power.

The analysis of the Mexican Liberal
Party's program places the same in a
unique category. If it correctly reflects
the country, then it indicates that the
country of whose conditions it is born,
itself occupies a unique position. It
would indicate that Mexico—too ad-
vanced to produce a party of anti-political
autocracy pure and simple; not ad-
vanced enough to produce a party of
anti-economic autocracy, pure and sim-
ple, that is a party of Socialism—is
now traversing a period in which phrases
about "the poor" and "freedom" have
not yet crystallized into definite mean-
ing, and in which a sort of hippopotamus
party—partly of the water, partly of the
earth; partly bourgeois, partly prolet-
arian—is the *deus ex machina* of the
situation.

CONCLUSIONS FROM DOCUMENTS.

On page 24, second column, of the
"Eleventh Day's Proceedings—Saturday,
November 26, 1910" of the late A. F. of L.
convention in St. Louis, this passage
occurs:

"Delegate O'Connor (T. U.): I desire
to nominate Samuel Gompers for Presi-
dent of the American Federation of
Labor for the ensuing term.

"There being no further names pre-
sented, nominations were declared closed.
On motion of Delegate McNulty the
secretary was instructed to cast the
unanimous vote of the convention for
Samuel Gompers for President of the
American Federation of Labor for the
ensuing term.

"Secretary Morrison complied with
the instructions of the convention, and
President Gompers was declared elected
to serve for the ensuing term."

According to the statistics furnished
to the world by the Socialist party lead-
er Mr. Max Hayes, as represented in
"The Commoner" for last November 25, and
quoted in a last week's issue of the
Weekly People, there were at that convention
of the A. F. of L. eighty-five dele-
gates of Mr. Hayes's political com-
plexion who now "dared to voice their
convictions."

Either "The Eighty-five" were perfectly
satisfied with the Socialist-killer and
Civic Federation Vice-President Gom-
pers; or they were not.—

If they were satisfied, then Mr. Hayes,
together with his remaining Eighty-
four, sailed under false colors when they
claimed to be Socialists;

If they were not satisfied, then their
sitting mmm, without daring to set up a
nominee for president in opposition to
the Labor-betrayer and, of course, anti-
Socialist Gompers, is an evidence that
Mr. Hayes but indulged in a superla-
tive "brag" when he contrasted the
timidity of his set in 1900 with their
boldness in 1910; and their sitting still
nummum, and allowing their vote to be
cast for them in favor of the Civic
Federation's decoy-duck above-named, is
proof conclusive that Mr. Hayes and his
remaining Eighty-four are a lot of "fair-
weather Socialists," toy-militants, a
"White-Feather" brigade, from whom
Socialism has little to expect but brag,
bluster—and runaway.

In Turkey, at one time, probably even
now, delinquents were furnished the
rope to strangle themselves. The Eighty-
five per cent furnish the rope themselves.

THE ANTI-SUGAR TRUST BILL.

The long expected bill of complaint in
the Government's suit to dissolve the
Sugar Trust was filed at last in the
United States Circuit Court. While the
bill is making the unskillful laugh with
joy, it can not but make the judicious
grieve.

The bill recites a long list of allega-
tions. These are meant to be charges.
Yet the charges read more like "points"
for an address, or an article, upon "The
Natural Development of Business from

Modern Plant of Industry." Step by
step, or "point" by "point," a stage of
industrial growth is recorded; and each
stage, though the bill does not so specify,
suggests some existing law that the re-
spective stage rendered necessary for its
protection. Not a "point" is cited the
legality of which is not deeply imbedded
in the legislation of modern society. Not
a "point" is cited the observance of
which does not pass current as an evi-
dence of business push and thrift in the
individual business concern. Not a
"point" is cited, which, if branded with
criminality, would not cause any and
every business concern to become impos-
sible. In short, the "points" cited in
the bill are so many bricks reared one
upon the other that go, and have gone,
and must perchance go to rear the struc-
ture of Private Enterprise, and any one
of which bricks, if pulled out, would
cause the whole structure to shake, if
not to collapse. And yet the bill is in
the nature of an indictment; and the in-
dictment is drawn up upon the silent
principle that, while any one of the
bricks is legitimate, all of them together
constitute a tort.

Did we say the bill should make the
judicious grieve? Not quite so. The bill
is of a nature to cause both the un-
skillful and the judicious to rejoice—each
for a different reason.

The unskillful will rejoice believing the
bill will be effective. To them the bill
is a "first step" to disprove Socialism,
and to prove that Capitalism has within
itself the means to correct its "defects"
and "abuses."

The judicious will rejoice realizing that
the bill is, in fact, an indictment of
Capitalism. It demonstrates the evils
that lie latent in each stage of capitalist
development, and which do not come to
the surface until the structure is com-
plete, whereupon it is condemned by the
very element that sang the praises of
its separate parts as veritable ideals
of civically virtuous enterprise. The
judicious will furthermore rejoice be-
cause they know the bill is, in the end
and in substance, bound to fail. Not
the darning needle of the Reformer, but
the sharp scissors of the Revolutionist
is the weapon fit to remove evils that
lie in the very woof of a social system.

In the meantime the bill will travel
its devious, labyrinthian way, reported
and counter-reported in the press of its
friends, until they themselves can not
tell whether they stand on their feet or
their heads. It will then be dropped for
some other mare's nest.

MRS. EDY.

The biographies of Mrs. Mary Baker
G. Eddy, just deceased, are profuse with
matter that is uninteresting, and interest-
ing on a subject that they treat but
sparingly.

None but lovers of the miraculous, and
who approach any subject, that at all
promises to satisfy that bent, with a
predisposition for the mysterious, will
find much cause for wonderment, or will
impute to any occult power in an in-
dividual, either the circumstance that
thousands, if not hundreds of thousands,
are drawn by her away from
treatment by "diplomated doc-
tors," or that they contribute

millions of dollars to set up a school of
medical treatment that dispenses with
the output of medical colleges. The thing
is natural. It is a revolt that has been
gathering strength and volume for these
many generations, not to say centuries
—the revolt against a profession that
Moliere has satirized; that Charles
Lamb has unmasked; that Goethe
earned the undying hatred of for depriv-
ing it of its pretenses; that Montaigne,
before all of these, has analyzed as a "par-
asite on a people's health";—and that the
earth, more recently crenation also,
has resignedly acted as an accomplice
of by covering its blunders, or burning
them to ashes beyond identification. All
the space that is being devoted to Mrs.
Eddy upon this head is uninteresting.
It is the waste portion in her biographies.
And the waste is profuse.

Because it will give equal opportunity
to all to develop their bodies and brains
to the full, and enable men and women
to live decent and human lives.

Because it's a question "Who's going
to own the world—the working class or
the capitalist class?"

Because capitalism is responsible for
the crises, panics, war and slaughter,
which keep the world a perpetual hell
upon earth.

Because the working class produce all
the world's wealth, which the capitalist
class own, and only return to the work-
ers in the shape of wages a portion of
what labor alone has produced.

Because, so long as capitalist private
ownership of the earth and the means of
life remains insecurity and poverty face
the majority of the human race.

Because Socialism must come; and
the Party fighting for it is the Socialist
Labor Party.

GIANT PROTEST AGAINST BRIAND.

Paris, December 10.—Thus far the
efforts of the General Confederation of
Labor to induce the working centers
to unite in a gigantic protest against the
plans of Briand to deny the right of
state employees to strike have had grati-
fying results, although they have not
met with quite all the success they de-
serve.

The original idea of the leaders was
to hold a mass meeting in twenty-five
large towns and to adopt a common
resolution.

Some of the gatherings have been
small, and in a few cases the promoters
were compelled to abandon the idea alto-
gether, though Briand ordered the police
not to interfere.

areas of logic, both abstract and applied.
Socialism, to be sure, needs capitalism
as condition precedent. No capitalism,
no Socialism. But capitalism is not the
only condition precedent for a strong
Socialist Movement. Other factors—
some deterrent, others promotive—enter
into the formation of a movement. Among
these factors are the social con-
ditions peculiar to each nation. Among
such social conditions is, not merely the
existence of the classes, but also the
existence of a chasm deep and wide
enough between the two to uncover the
conflict that actually exists between
them—and thus make the conflict fruit-
ful of progress, which means a strong
Socialist Movement.

The family of Mrs. Eddy allows a peep
into the composition of a large, if not
the largest portion of the native families
of the land. That peep reveals the fact
that, however rapidly the chasm between
capitalist master and wage slave is being
closed, the chasm is not yet of sufficient
size to be realized by all concerned. It
goes without saying that it must have
been next to impossible to bring home
their wage slave status to the brothers
of Mrs. Eddy, and to make them realize
that they were more closely related to
the immigrant bricklayers and mill oper-
atives than they were to their own
brother and sister employers of labor.

In a country, whatever its development
otherwise, in which the native prolet-
ariat and capitalist are yet closely
connected by family bonds,—in such a
country there is a social condition that
goes far to counteract the economic de-
velopment Socialismward. Such a country
is America. The recognition of the
fact removes the surprise at the "back-
wardness of Socialism" in the land, and
explains the phenomenon; at the same
time, the recognition of the fact should
be enough to dissipate the Jingy fatuity
that considers Socialism an impossibility
on American soil. The cause of its delay
is transitory: the reason for its advent
is permanent.

The social facts thrown up by Mrs.
Eddy's biography help to shed light
both upon the path behind and the path
ahead of Socialism in America. And
these facts, though stated in the most
incidental manner, are the only real
interesting information, or information
of lasting value that the profuse biog-
raphies of the deceased lady contain.

WORK FOR SOCIALISM!

Eleven Reasons Which Every Working-
man Should Consider.

Because it means freedom to Labor.

Because it will wipe out private own-
ership of the means of life by the capi-
talist class.

Because it means full life for all who
labor and do their share of the world's
work.

Because it will abolish poverty and
unemployment.

Because it will resume, in the name of
the whole people, what the collective and
social labor of the whole of working
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A RINGING SLAP TO GOM-
PERS'S FACE

For some time past, Samuel Gompers—
whose Union card is issued by the
International Cigar Makers' Union of
which he is vice-president—has been
giving out statements about high-handed
proceedings against the members of
his cigarmakers' Union in Tampa, Fla.
The statements increased in numbers and
vehemence—Florida authorities, it was
stated, had joined hands with the
Tampa cigar manufacturers and "Citizen's
Committee" in outraging, brow-beating,
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STARTS DAILY PEOPLE XMAS BOX

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Enclosed please find \$1.25 for The People Xmas Box. It has not been started yet, and I may thus have the honor of starting it. This is my first contribution to the People, and the only Christmas present I am making this year.

I am getting the "Appeal to Reason" (?) for forty weeks because I forked over a quarter to hear Alex. Irvine last Thanksgiving night. He is an excellent speaker, but oh, Lord! where was the Socialism?

The first copy of the "Appeal" came to-day. On looking through it, I was reminded of what De Leon said in "Socialism vs. Anarchism," in speaking of a certain "history of Socialism"—"God help Socialism, and God help History."

Of this "greatest Socialist newspaper in the world" I say "God help newspapers, and God help Socialism." That is, I would say that if we didn't have the S. L. P. and its press, especially The People.

It would be good for all S. L. P. men to get a look at the "Appeal" once in a while—it would make them get out and hustle for The People.

R. H. Palmer.

Paterson, N. J., December 5.

PARADING IN STOLEN PLUMES.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—While getting our heater ready for use, and looking over some S. P. "Literature" which was under some ashes in a wash-boiler in our cellar, I noticed the very same passage in two different books by different authors, both authors claiming originality. Page I, "Who's Who in Congress" by Franklin H. Wentworth of the Socialist Party:

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This is not the only instance I know of Socialist Party lights strutting in stolen feathers.

Ejyah.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.

PORLAND S. L. P. ACTIVITY.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—With the assistance of Portland comrades, we succeeded in landing one sub for the "Volksfreund and Arbeiter-Zeitung," five for the "Arbeiter," and seventeen for the Weekly People.

Two out-door meetings were held at the corner of Fourth and Burnside streets to fair-sized crowds. The sale of literature amounted to twenty-six pamphlets and thirty copies of "Arbeiter," and Weekly People. We will hold forth again on the same corner during the week, and if the weather warms up a little we shall have much better crowds and better sales of literature.

Section Portland has two good propagandists in Comrades Berg and Swanson. With the co-operation of local comrades they are building up a good S. L. P. organization in Portland. One new member was added to the Section at its last meeting, and another will be added at the meeting to-night. New material is also being added to our Scandinavian Club.

It remains for the S. L. P. here in Portland, as in other places, to take the first step towards saving the life of Savva Fedorenko, the Russian revolutionist, from the clutches of that arch hangman, the Czar of Russia. Letters have already been sent out to various organizations, explaining the nature of Fedorenko's case, and inviting them to send delegates to a meeting which will be held in S. L. P. headquarters on Sunday, December 4, for the purpose of organizing a Political Refugee Defense League, and to

the I. L. P. return to their senses, they will find that the "star," on closer investigation, proves to be nothing but a candlelight, which sputters some, but that's all.

Patrick Fitzpatrick,
Edinburgh, Scotland, November 28.

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The following is a copy of the resolutions adopted unanimously which have been forwarded to the Hon. Winfred Laurier in Canada:

Whereas, We, the citizens of Tacoma in mass meeting assembled, hold that the right of asylum is a fundamental principle of English and American government; and,

Whereas, Savva Fedorenko is a political refugee from Russia; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as liberty-loving Americans, request the Canadian government to revoke the order of Judge Mathers that Savva Fedorenko be returned to the Russian Czar; and, be it further

Resolved, That we request that Savva Fedorenko be given his liberty immediately.

L. Olsson, Chairman,
T. Taylor, Secretary,
Tacoma, Wash., November 28.

DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.
To the Daily and Weekly People:—In the Daily People that reached here yesterday I see an item reading like this:

"From Chicago information reaches this office from a pretty well-posted source that Gompers A. F. of L. is attempting to affiliate with the European Trades Union Movement? Does it not look like a concerted move on the part of somebody, somewhere, to bring the American influence of 'harmony between capital and labor' directly to bear upon the European movement?"

As to the comment in The People regarding the so-called I. W. W., I, of course, agree entirely, but there are some interesting developments going on that throw light on that as well.

I shall return to the charge in a few days. Olive M. Johnson.
Stockholm, Sweden, November 25.

THE OUTBREAK IN MEXICO.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—"Regeneracion," the Spanish paper published in Los Angeles, Cal., by the Mexican Liberals Magon, Villareal and others, contains contradictory items in its various and recent issues. In its first issue of last September it referred to Industrial Unionism as an economic form of organization most desirable for the working class. In later issues it resurfaces the Pan-American Labor League as the organization most desirable for the working class. The Pan-American Labor League died "a-borning" in El Paso over a year ago, when its primitive aim was to put into practice the Villarealistic slogan, "Mexicanos, tu mejor amigo es un fusil" (Mexicans, your best friend is a gun).

I have more authentic information. I have just received information from AUTHORITATIVE PARTIES that the A. F. of L. and the "I. W. W." have both put in their application for admission at the International TRADE UNION Bureau at BERLIN. The A. F. of L. claims admission on the strength of its great membership, and claims to control the labor situation in the United States. The I. W. W. protests against the admission of the A. F. of L. and makes, so I am told, the S. L. P. argument about the fakirism of the leaders. Which one of the two will gain admission, and there seems to be no question but that one or the other will be admitted, is to be settled at the next meeting of the Berlin Bureau, which will be some time in the early part of next year.

So much for the news itself. Now a word or two on the comments. The People says: "As to the A. F. of L., if the news is true, it is a sign of progress," etc. I know that in the rank and file of the A. F. of L. there is an awakening consciousness which draws their sympathies more and more towards the class-conscious labor movement of the world. But I doubt that the rank and file has had anything to do to initiate this move; it comes from the leaders, and it ends there, and the causes for it must be sought with them, and, as such, it cannot mean progress.

Of course it must be borne in mind that The People and I now talk about different things. Had The People's information been correct its comment would probably have been different. It is a well-known fact that European anti-trades union sources have long cast longing and loving glances upon the "ideal" brotherhood-of-capital-and-labor, harmonious-interest-unions of the United States. Since the visit of Gompers in Europe two years ago that loving feeling has been grown into a veritable betrothal. All the simultaneous contradiction they brand themselves intoler-

able discriminators who would teach others not to discriminate.

The November 5th issue of "Regeneration" greets its followers on this side of the frontier with a call to join the A. F. of L. Here you have the three distinct organizations: Industrial Union, Pan-American Labor League, and the American Federation of Labor, the latter of which has waded and won.

That the Mexican Liberals should have flirted with Industrial Unionism, half-wed the Pan-American Labor League and then espoused for better or worse the scabby A. F. of L., is hardly becoming to these worthy demolishers of Diazian Despotism. Verily, adepts in the art of contradiction, they! It is almost impossible to brand with any proper name those who prate of "emancipation" and "proletariat." Yet, by their action we shall know them.

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An insurrection almost destined to become a revolution is now being waged by the Madero Anti-re-electionistas in Mexico. The Madero faction is the bourgeois element opposing the Diaz regime and the American encroachers of capital. The poor Mexican working class will fight in the false hope of gaining the liberty they deserve but will not get at the hands of the Maderistas. Madero is a Mexican millionaire philanthropist, who in a statement to newspapers admitted that he is not a revolutionist, not aiming further than a desire to unseat Diaz and enforce the right of suffrage. He had nothing to say regarding the working class.

But the fact remains that Berger was forced to recognize industrialism for reasons best known to himself. Berger's statements—well, really, it is to "half."

Alb. Schnabel.
Milwaukee, Wis., December 6.

S. P. "PROFESSOR" DISAPPOINTS.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Who is "Professor" W. T. Mills? A gentleman bearing this title from the United States appeared in this city. Like a shining "star," he was billed as "America's Greatest Orator." He lectured in one of our largest halls, his subject being "Socialism and Religion." Incidentally, he caused a great stir in the Laborite camp.

A large crowd gathered to hear the connection between Socialism and religion. I could not help being attracted to such a meeting, but I must confess bitter disappointment at Mills's speech.

The "professor" told a woeful tale of the American workers' life; he described how the capitalists rob them. Then he said the workers were waking up and he denounced the hypocritical master class. After this he appealed to "our religious sentiment to end this terrible conflict. Why should Christians and Socialists stand apart?"

The "professor" endeavored to show that the principles of Socialism and Christianity were identical. I have heard of Christ wandering in the wilderness, but I could never determine where "Professor" Mills is wandering.

It is stated that the "professor" is a great reader, and keen on study, besides being a teacher on historical subjects. Evidently he did not study along biological lines, and for sociology he never had any time. But it seems he studied extensively on talkology. What kind of history did this "professor" study? It must have been the history of stuffed birds, for it seems he tried to knock the stuffing out of everything he had read.

To the class-conscious wage slave, his lecture was a source of amusement. One could not help laughing outright when he told the workers to organize on the basis of the Brotherhood of Man and the Brotherhood of God. To our free-thinking "Socialists" of the I. L. P. and S. D. P. type, the divine swing of his remarks must have been rather irritating, but in spite of the God-smashing "Socialists," his reputation has increased. He is now the "World's Greatest Orator." When

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After so tremendous a battle as the general strike, it is plain that there must be a re-alignment of the forces. Many thousands of the most active have been driven out of the country. Thousands again have lost their positions and must find a new foothold in society. The weaker elements, on the other hand, have naturally become discouraged. During the slight chaos that must exist during such a period, a tremendous agitation has been instituted to sever the political and the economic movement. Not the least active in this campaign is the capitalist press. You know the argument: "The union is all right, OF COURSE, a splendid institution that the workingman as a free citizen has every right to combine with—but—but, what makes the union all wrong, here, now, and in this country is of course the political bosses in it. Free the union from this curse, make it independent of any political party, NO POLITICS IN THE UNION, and it would be a grand institution, and there would be harmonious interests," and so forth, and so on.

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The discouraged and less posted elements in the unions are catching the fever. They had learned to look upon the general strike as a panacea for all evils. They do not know the important fact that the Labor Movement cannot move from victory to victory and yet let capitalism be the order of society. Why did we not win everything? ask they. And the loud

screech of the owl answers, "Because you had politics in the union!"

In the face of all this, have we any reason to be surprised that just at this moment the Gompers A. F. of L. is attempting to affiliate with the European Trades Union Movement? Does it not look like a concerted move on the part of somebody, somewhere, to bring the American influence of "harmony between capital and labor" directly to bear upon the European movement?

As to the comment in The People regarding the so-called I. W. W., I, of course, agree entirely, but there are some interesting developments going on that throw light on that as well.

I shall return to the charge in a few days. Olive M. Johnson.
Stockholm, Sweden, November 25.

THE NAVVY'S LAST SONG.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—"Regeneration," the Spanish paper published in Los Angeles, Cal., by the Mexican Liberals Magon, Villareal and others, contains contradictory items in its various and recent issues. In its first issue of last September it referred to Industrial Unionism as an economic form of organization most desirable for the working class. In later issues it resurfaces the Pan-American Labor League as the organization most desirable for the working class. The Pan-American Labor League died "a-borning" in El Paso over a year ago, when its primitive aim was to put into practice the Villarealistic slogan, "Mexicanos, tu mejor amigo es un fusil" (Mexicans, your best friend is a gun).

I have more authentic information. I have just received information from AUTHORITATIVE PARTIES that the A. F. of L. and the "I. W. W." have both put in their application for admission at the International TRADE UNION Bureau at BERLIN. The A. F. of L. claims admission on the strength of its great membership, and claims to control the labor situation in the United States. The I. W. W. protests against the admission of the A. F. of L. and makes, so I am told, the S. L. P. argument about the fakirism of the leaders. Which one of the two will gain admission, and there seems to be no question but that one or the other will be admitted, is to be settled at the next meeting of the Berlin Bureau, which will be some time in the early part of next year.

So much for the news itself. Now a word or two on the comments. The People says: "As to the A. F. of L., if the news is true, it is a sign of progress," etc. I know that in the rank and file of the A. F. of L. there is an awakening consciousness which draws their sympathies more and more towards the class-conscious labor movement of the world. But I doubt that the rank and file has had anything to do to initiate this move; it comes from the leaders, and it ends there, and the causes for it must be sought with them, and, as such, it cannot mean progress.

At the time of this League's incipient, one of its adherents, who only had a vague conception of industrial unionism, suggested that the league organize along industrial lines. His suggestion was voted down by those who, "having received favors from the A. F. of L." did not wish to conflict with that organization. The writer has no other proof except the verbal formula used, of the "favors received," but remembers having opposed the promoters of the League by asking them to clarify their principle of organization. To do that it was obligatory on their part to renounce the A. F. of L., which they declined to do. At that time the writer was not aware that "favors" dominated over principle. Secretly, in a corner of their "corazones" the Pan-American Labor Leaguers were to be mindful of the fallacies of the A. F. of L., but openly that organization should not be molested by criticism.

Recently, the League on the surface, in print and quite openly—if still in existence—clamored, among other reforms, for the freedom of woman, the abolition of war and race prejudice. In the same issue of "Regeneration" calling the Mexicans to join the Pan-American Labor League, which has for its aim the abolition of race prejudice, appeared the platform of the Liberal party containing a plank against Chinese immigration. By this simultaneous contradiction they brand themselves intoler-</p

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ON TOWARD 1912

The election results are not yet completely in, but it is plainly to be seen that the old S. L. P. has again struck its stride. The upbuilding of THE revolutionary political party of Socialism in the United States is now only a question of reaching more and more of the workers with the principles and tactics of the Socialist Labor Party.

The campaigning being over, there can be no reason why financial support should not be concentrated toward the National Office's GENERAL AGITATION FUND to enable it further to meet the expenses of National Organizer Katz's tour, and place additional organizers and agitators in the field.

The results of Katz's work and his experience has shown that organizers and agitators are needed to make the S. L. P. and its aim known, and that as soon as our position is made known to the workers, the difference between the S. L. P. and the bogus Socialists is plainly acknowledged and the vast superiority of the S. L. P. brings the workers to us, despite the "big" vote of the bogus element.

In 1912 the Socialist Labor Party will again enter the national election with candidates for President and Vice President. In the election just past the Party's supporters had an opportunity to vote for it in TWENTY States. WITH CONSISTENT EFFORT AND FINANCIAL AID THE PARTY CAN HAVE TICKETS IN DOUBLE THAT NUMBER OF STATES, besides making it possible to increase the S. L. P. vote in the present twenty States.

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NEW YORK S. E. C.

Regular meeting of the New York State Executive Committee, Socialist Labor Party, was held at the Daily People Building, 28 City Hall Place, New York City, December 3rd, 7:30 p.m., with William A. Walters in the chair. All present.

Minutes of the previous meeting adopted as read.

Correspondence—Secretary reported receipt by Secretary of State of this Committee's Certificate of election expenses; sent out call for general vote on member of the National Executive Committee from New York, same to close Thursday, December 22nd; that owing to the small number of nominations for new State Executive Committee, he postponed final date for making nominations until Tuesday, December 6th, and notified interested Sections to that effect; supplied names of "Arbeiter" readers to Goeller at Jamaica; sent data regarding personnel of this Committee to all local yearly newspaper almanacs; advised Section Suffolk County (Patchogue) further to report to winter lectures; arranged with new Organizer of Section Westchester County for holding regular meeting and notices regarding same. Report received and actions of Secretary endorsed.

Received return of campaign subscription lists from Section Kings County. Dues stamps ordered by Sections Schenectady and Monroe Counties. Received financial report of Section Rensselaer County.

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OHIO S. E. C.

Meeting of November 28 with Comrade Goerke in the chair. Absent without excuse, Bitchakoff. Minutes approved as read.

Communications: From Section Cleveland with \$15 for due stamps. From H. Piper, Elyria, with \$4.25 for State Agitation Fund. From Section Akron, with \$6.90 for State Organizer's Fund, and \$3 for due stamps; nominates Kircher as N. E. C. member, and wants German speaker for Sunday, December 11. Secretary reported having notified Akron that Koepel will comply in the request for speaker. From O. M. Held, Toledo, giving detailed report, financial and otherwise, on work done during last campaign, reporting increase of S. L. P. vote in Lucas County, and in regard to Reinstein meeting. Also requesting that S. E. C. pay a bill of \$5 due the New York Labor News Company, for literature sent to Toledo, promising to pay this amount back to the S. E. C. as soon as possible. Held and Kendall nominate Kircher as Ohio member of N.E.C. From Reinstein, St. Louis, Mo., in regard to Toledo date of his tour.

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Receipts, \$29.15; expenditures, \$5. Richard Koepel, Secretary.

WASHINGTON S. E. C.

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Correspondence—From Charles Pierson, Hoquiam, Wash., giving information. From Section Tacoma, Hoquiam, Seattle, and Spokane, sending nominations for N. E. C. member; State secretary stated Brearcliff, Christiansen, and Schaeffer had accepted, Monette declined; had notified Sections to that effect. From Charles Pierson, Portland, Ore., giving information. From National Secretary giving information; filed; State secretary instructed to inform National Secretary that committee is in favor of publishing secretaries' addresses. Section Seattle requested State Committee to take up the matter of a communication from the manager of The People and Labor News Company; secretary was instructed to correspond with the National Secretary in regard to the matter.

Motion submitted to the S. E. C. members to elect A. Gillhaus State Organizer, and state secretary was instructed to record vote of members not present.

Balance, Nov. 25.67; receipts, \$35.50; total \$64.17. Expenses, \$14.90; balance, Dec. 1, \$49.27.

R. W. Stevens,
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The California State Committee of the S. L. P. has engaged Comrade Chas. Pierson to canvass the State for subscriptions to the Party press and literature. It is a recognized fact that our literature on the subject of Socialism has no equal in setting one right on essential subjects, as the class struggle and the revolutionary nature of the movement. We can consider ourselves fortunate in being able to secure such an able sub-setter as Pierson, who is well adapted for this all-important work as well as for bringing into the Party those that are at this time most desirable. We expect each one of you to send in a contribution to the Canvassers' Fund and repeat this as often as you can, and we will build up the circulation of the Daily and Weekly People, and thereby clear up a lot of those who have been misled by the counterfeit Socialist party.

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The "Socialistische Liedertafel" is a directly affiliated branch of the Section and has in fifteen years of its existence rendered valuable service to the Section. It therefore deserves, in turn, the fullest support of all comrades, friends and sympathizers of the S. L. P. in Cleveland. At its anniversary, its "day of honor," none of our friends and adherents should be absent, but a "packed" house should greet the brave singers. Come, every one of you, and enjoy a few delightful hours in the midst of our German comrades, who understand excellently how to arrange festivals and to give their guests the best of entertainment.

"THE FALLACY OF SAVING."

The next public agitation meeting of Section Cleveland, O. S. L. P., will take place SUNDAY, December 18, at 3 p.m., at Party Headquarters, Acme Hall, 2416 East 9th street, near Scovill avenue. R. Koepel will speak on "The Fallacy of Saving," followed by general discussion.

At the last meeting Reiss spoke on "The Question of Immigration." Reiss is a young man and a serious student of Socialism, and he certainly "made good." He presented his argument intelligently and handle his subject well. This is the right way to "break in" new speakers. There can not be too many of them.

There is some more good speaking material in the Section that only needs development. You can not learn to swim without going into the water. Other young Party members should follow the example set by Reiss, and volunteer to take a date in the Section's series of lectures. The meeting was much better attended than the first. The members should work for still better attendance at the next meeting. Readers of the Party press are cordially welcome.

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Having noticed our persistent calls for an increased subscription list, Comrade Wm. Dueiks, Los Angeles, Cal., thought it was up to him to do something, and the result is a weekly People yearly subscription to a friend of his.

Let all our friends do just that—get one new reader before January 1st, and we will be well on the way for that 10,000 new readers that we want to see added to our lists before the flowers bloom again.

Comrade J. O. Johnson, formerly of Bridgeport, Conn., is now in Sharon, Pa., where he is breaking ground for the S. L. P. by pushing The People.

S. L. P. men often turn up in most unexpected places. C. W. Doyle, who once hailed from the Old Bay State, writes us from a Missouri town, where he is pounding home S. L. P. doctrine.

The point of the two foregoing items is that wherever a revolutionist goes there he finds a field, an ample field for activity.

But a person doesn't have to go forth to seek a field. Wherever one may be, there is his field, be it a city, or a hamlet.

Beginning Sunday, December 25th, Vol. I of the "Sword of Honor" will start in the Daily People. This story, by Eugene Sue, deals with the foundation of the French Republic, a much-misinterpreted, therefore much-misunderstood, epoch in history. See that your friends read the story as it appears day by day in the Daily People.

This has been a year of marked progress for the S. L. P. Let its close be fittingly marked by a further onward sweep of the propaganda. To accomplish this requires but ONE subscription from each of our friends. Let not one fall us.

The roll of honor, those sending two

SAN FRANCISCO ENTERTAINMENT**AD BALL.**

The Joint Sections of the Socialist Labor Party in San Francisco, Calif., will hold an Entertainment and Ball on Sunday, December 25, at San Francisco Turnverein Hall, 353 Turk street. Program starts at 7 p.m. Good music; excellent refreshments. Admission, twenty-five cents; ladies free.

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Come and see the old year out and the New Year in. Don't fail to attend. Entertainment Committee.

LOS ANGELES LECTURES.

Section Los Angeles has arranged the following course of lectures:

DECEMBER 13—Hayden Morgan.

Subject: "The Class Conflict."

DECEMBER 20—H. J. Schafe. Subject: "Money as a Commodity."

DECEMBER 27—Wm. B. Cook.

Subject: "Trade Unionism."

Just a Reminder to our friends, to say that we expect them, one and all, to do something for the Movement.

That something we would prefer to be a subscription to either the Daily or the Weekly People